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## Navy Region Hawaii announces 2010 Navy Community Service Awards (Part 2)

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(Navy Region Hawaii's 2010 Community Service Awards were awarded to eight commands this year. This is the second half of a two-part series to highlight the achievements of the volunteers at these commands. Part one was published in the Dec. 3 Ho'okele.)

Navy Region Hawaii awarded 13 awards for community involvement this year. Each command is evaluated based on their involvement in the community, how they strategize their efforts, the effectiveness of their campaigns, and how they incorporate multiple organizations in their action plan.

Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, applauded their efforts.

"Congratulations to all who participated in these noteworthy efforts. My sincere appreciation for celebrating the American spirit by volunteering in the community to make a difference in the lives of others. They are truly ambassadors of the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment," Smith said.

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) won the large shore command award for Personal Excellence Partnership with its read-aloud program as part of the Helemano Elementary Adopt-A-School Program.

"The Sailors at NCTAMS PAC take great pride in our local community," said Capt. Patricia Cole, commanding officer of NCTAMS.

"The Navy Community Service Award is a Navy-wide recognition of the phenomenal jobs our service members do in support of youth community projects which included the Special Olympics and Helemano Elementary School," Cole added.

Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1) earned awards for small sea command in Personal Excellence Partnership and health, safety and fitness for their efforts in supporting Waipahu Elementary School in read-aloud and keiki fitness programs.

The campaign drug free flagship category for medium shore command was earned by U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Navy Element (USPACOM NMCE) for its role in supporting the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) campaign.

USPACOM NMCE has been part of DEFY since 2003 and was recently awarded the seven-year length of service award program (LOSAP) for its continual dedicated service to the community. The staff works with DEFY in two phases the leadership camp and the mentoring program. The camp is an eight-day, non-residential day camp which leads volunteers into partnering with specific youth to serve as mentors throughout the year, providing assistance in areas of patriotism, courage and self-reliance virtues.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) won the award for environmental stewardship for a large, shore command through its numerous community efforts, such as participation in adopt-a-stream, judging a local school science fair, a variety of cleanup efforts, tree planting and storm drain stenciling.

Throughout the award package, JBPHH gave credit to their personnel and their motivation of ownership and pride in the islands of Hawaii.

Project Good Neighbor was awarded to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 (HSL-37), representing medium sea commands. HSL-37 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii works with AccesSurf, which provides disabled neighbors and wounded warriors with monthly adaptive surfing instruction and beach recreation opportunities.

Project Good Neighbor for large shore commands was awarded to the U.S. Pacific Command, Joint Intelligence Operations (PACOM JIOC). PACOM JIOC accumulated more than 2,500 hours of volunteer time with organizations such as Honolulu Police Department, Airmen Against Drunk Driving, American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO), Access Surf Hawaii and Hawaii Food Bank.

PACOM JIOC's weekly commitment to USO shifts has assisted numerous service members and families as they transition into new areas of military service. They supported overseas tsunami relief efforts and reached out to the local community with their efforts and donations.

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Chris Krucke of USPACOM JIOC said, "Being in the military, we are given many opportunities that the general public doesn't have and by helping our 'kamaaina' we are giving back to those who are not as fortunate as we are."

Recognizing the value of volunteering, yeoman 3rd Class Olivia Spadafore shared, "I believe that the volunteering is great because I feel as though people tend to lose sight at what is most important in people's lives. Volunteering not only benefits the community, but helps shape ourselves to become a stronger and more united nation."

Capt Bruce Loveless, commander of USPACOM JIOC, said, "We are extremely proud of the professional success of our workforce going above and beyond, but are particularly proud for being recognized for the commitment our people provide towards the community."

The results of the 2010 Navy Environmental Stewardship Flagship Awards competition have also been announced with two Navy Region Hawaii commands earning honorable mentions. ATG MIDPAC earned honorable mention for small command, and JBPHH was awarded the same for large command.

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